

## COMMIT NO EVIL

A cheerful, easy going truck driver stopped at a roadside café in the middle of the night for a dinner stop. Halfway through his meal, three wild-looking motorcyclists roared into the parking lot – heavy bearded, leather-jacketed, filthy, tattooed and helmets slung to the back of their heads.



For no apparent reason they selected the truck driver as a target. One poured pepper over his head, another stole his apple pie, the third deliberately spilled his coffee. The truck driver left without a word – just rose, paid his check, and exited.

“That trucker ain’t much of a fighter,” sneered one of the bikers.

The girl behind the counter, peering out the window, added, “He doesn’t seem to be much of a driver either. He just ran his truck right over three motorcycles.”



## FAN-TASTIC!

When an old TV star’s show was cancelled by the powers that be, a fan asked him, “Do you personally answer the hundreds of letters that come in every day demanding your program be renewed?”

He answered disarmingly, “Oh, goodness, no! I scarcely have time to write them!”

## AIR-TIME!

The longest moment on TV is the one that follows, “We’ll be right back.”

## WHY DON’T YOU GET A JOB?

A father asked his adult son, “Why don’t you get a job?”

“Why,” the son replied.

“So you can earn some money.” Responded his father.

“Why,” was the son’s response.

“So that when you’re old you can use the money in your bank account and never have to work again.

The son exclaimed, “But, I’m not working now!”



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**“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; they are new every morning”**  
~ Lamentations 3:22-23

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## Why Am I Complaining?

My cross is not too heavy,  
my road is not too rough,  
Because God walks beside me  
and to know this is enough.  
And though I get so lonely,  
I know I’m not alone,  
For the Lord God is my Father  
and He loves me as His own.  
So though I’m tired and weary  
and I wish my race were run,  
God will only terminate it  
when my work on earth is done.  
So let me stop complaining  
about my load of care,  
For God will always lighten it  
when it gets too much to bear.  
And if He does not ease my load  
He will give me strength to bear it,  
For God in love and mercy  
is always near to share it.

~ Helen Steiner Rice



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loved & everyone is family!



**Sunday, 11 a.m. Services**

**20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario**

**Thot:** “Learn to commit every situation to God, and trust Him for the outcome. God’s love for you never changes, no matter what problems you face or how unsettled life becomes.” ~ Billy Graham

## BE GOOD TO YOUR CHILDREN

A young father returned home from a tough day at the office and found his two daughters, both kindergarten age, acting pretty boisterously. He scolded them and sent them off to bed. The next morning, he found a note stuck on his bedroom door: "Be good to your children, and when they are old...they'll be good to you." It was signed, 'God.'"



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### Something to Think About...

*"The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD" ~ Proverbs 16:33*

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner, a day widely celebrated. In Ireland it's a national holiday. Here in Canada many also celebrate the day. One of the myths associated with the day are leprechauns. Along with holding pots of gold at the end of the rainbow, leprechauns are said to bring good luck. Of course, we also have the lucky rabbit's foot and the lucky penny. Or is it the four-leaf clover that keeps you going as you seek your fortune?

But do any of these traditions meet scrutiny under the lens of our Christian faith? To put it another way, does it make sense for a Christian believer to say to a friend in their time of need, "Good luck with that; I'll say a prayer for you"? Can we believe both in luck and in faith of God's presence?

We may think luck plays a role in the outcomes of our lives; however, the Bible makes it clear that God is sovereign, having ultimate authority and control over everything. If we trust in God, we're assured our paths are guided by His divine purpose. Luck may seem like a factor, but when we recognize it's actually God's will that directs our lives, submit ourselves to Him, we step into a realm of assurance, knowing that everything happens for a reason, and there's more to life than mere chance.

Let me ask you this question: "If you found \$20 in an old coat pocket today that you never expected, would you chalk it up to a lucky day or humbly give thanks to God for His wonderful provision?" Your perspective matters. The world wants to tempt us with 'luck' as a casual way of wishing for better things. We may consider it harmless, but that's not how God sees it. The concept of relying on luck competes with God's power. He's the only one in

control. That leaves luck just as meaningless as the wooden idols that tempted the Israelites. What modern-day idols do we hope will bring us luck?

In this world that rewards the lucky, scripture points us to faith that is far more powerful than chance. As we navigate life's uncertainties, placing our faith in God leads us to a path of security and peace. It's in trusting Him that we find true fortune—not in luck but the blessings He pours into our lives. Jesus taught that we must *"seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"* (Matthew 6:33). He had explained that our heavenly Father knows our needs. Therefore, we shouldn't be anxious about it.

God's plans for us are far greater than we can comprehend this side of heaven. When setbacks come, instead of attributing it to bad luck, remember that God is weaving your life together for a greater purpose. By embracing His trust, you'll cultivate patience and faith in God's ultimate plan for your life, which is always good, even when you can't immediately see it.

So when you feel that your faith is wavering, what can you do, where can you turn? That four-leave clover has no answers for you. May I suggest you pray? Talk to your Father! Each time we face a challenge or a decision, leaning on our faith allows us to draw closer to God, leading us towards a future filled with hope, rather than just luck. So, no, I won't wish you good luck but simply, Be blessed!

### Mark Your Calendar!

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Communion  
March 5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday  
March 8<sup>th</sup> – Men's Breakfast (8:30 a.m.)

#### Wednesdays 1:30pm

Weekly Prayer (FBCS Godwinks' Café)

#### Message Series

#### LENTEN 2025

### Past Deliverance; Present Assurance

Come, Join Us...

Lent  
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



Ash Wednesday

March 5 – 1:30 to 2:30 pm. (Prayer Room)



Services each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Good Friday April 18 at 10:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY April 20 at 11 a.m.

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